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Madrid, Febr. 9. *N. S.*

LEvies are made in these Parts for recruiting the *Spanish* Forces. Orders are sent to the Magistrates of the several Cities and Towns in *Spain*, to furnish each a certain number of Men to be formed into Regiments; and the Governors of the several Provinces are to give in Accounts of the Numbers of Horses in the several Towns and Villages under their Government, of which 'tis supposed a certain number will be demanded for the use of the *Spanish* Cavalry. Don *Francisco Cordova*, who was Maistre de Camp General of the *Milanese*, is made Captain General and Governor of the Province of *Guipuscoa*. An Express came lately from *Gibraltar* with Advice, that the *Moors* have reinforced their Army before *Ceuta*, and have also besieged *Penon de Velez*, a Fortress on the Coast of *Africa* belonging to the *Spaniards*; upon which Cardinal *Portocarrero* assembled the Council of State, and 'twas resolved, That a Letter should be writ to the *French* King, to desire he would send some Forces to the Relief of those Places.

Rome, Febr. 11. The Pope has given Orders for raising more Forces, and intends to take several *Swiss* Regiments into his Service. 'Tis said, he has ordered 4 Troops of Dragoons to march forthwith to *Parma* to reinforce the Garrison of that Place. The Marquis *del Vasto* continues in the Imperial Ambassador's Palace for his Security against the *French* and *Spaniards*, who threaten to seize him and send him away to *Spain*. The Pope has granted a Jubile for 14 days, during which, Indulgences are to be obtained by all those who shall perform certain Publick Devotions for the restoring of the Peace of *Italy*.

Venice, Febr. 17. Orders are dispatched to *Dalmatia*, for the sending over of more Forces to strengthen the Garrisons of *Perona*, *Brescia*, and our other Frontier Towns in *Italy*. According to our Accounts from the Imperial Quarters, the *Germans* are become Masters of the greatest part of the *Cremonese*, and some of their Forces are advanced beyond *Cremona*, with a design, as it's believed, to cut off the Communication between that Place and the *Milaneze*. The *Germans* demand to be admitted into *Piacenza*, as being an Imperial Fief; and 'tis believed, the Motions of Prince *Thomas* of *Vaudemont*, who is marching with a strong Body of *German* Horse and Foot towards that Place, are intended to oblige the Duke of *Parma* to a compliance.

Vienna, Febr. 18. The Preparations for the next Campagne are continued with great application; A Train of Artillery, consisting of about 50 Pieces of heavy Cannon, is making ready to be sent to the Rhine, and Orders are dispatched to the Regiments appointed to serve on that side, which are quartered in Hungary and Transilvania, to begin their March. They continue to raise Soldiers in the Emperor's Hereditary Countries to recruit the German Forces in Italy. The Emperor is treating with the Dukes of Saxe-Eysenach and Saxe-Weymar, and with several other German Princes, for the taking of more Forces into his Service. The Design of sending a Detachment from the German Army in Italy to the Kingdom of Naples is deferred for some time; The Regiments of Horse of Gronsveld and Hohenzellerne, and the two Regiments of Foot, lately ordered to march from Hungary and Transilvania, are to join our Army in Italy, and more Forces will shortly be sent thither. According to our last Advices from thence, the French have drawn their Forces out of their Quarters between the lower part of the Oglio and the Po, thereby abandoning Casal Maggiore, Bozolo, and all their other Posts in that part of the Cremonese, and in the Mantuan, except Sabionetta, which last place Prince Eugene has caused to be invested. Prince Eugene has put good Garrisons into the several Towns abandoned by the French, and was drawing together a good Body of Forces upon some farther Design. These Letters add, that Count Dietrichstein died of the Wound he received in the Action at Cremona; He was a Major General in the Emperor's Service, and Colonel of a Regiment of Dragoons.

Francfort, Febr. 26. New Levies are making in these Parts for the Service of the Landgrave of *Hesse Cassel*, and Soldiers are also raised to augment our Garrison. The Heer *Van der Meer*, Commissioner from the States General, came hither the 22d Instant from the *Lower Rhine*, and went the next day to *Ulm* to be present at the Diet of the Circle of *Swabia*, and from thence will go to *Nuremberg*, where the Diet of *Francconia* is assembled. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* is still at *Rastat*, and he intends shortly to go to view the Lines that are raising between *Spire* and *Newstad*, and after that to go to *Vienna*. The Elector Palatine is shortly expected from *Dusseldorp* in the Palatinate, and 'tis said he intends to reside at *Heydelberg*, where his Palace is now quite repaired. The Imperial and Palatine Forces at *Germersheim* continue to fortifie that Place; Monsieur *Melac*, the *French* Governor of *Landau*, sent an Officer some days ago to the *German* Officer who commands them, to protest against their going on with that Work, but no notice was taken of it. The *French* seem to be under some apprehension for their Territories in *Alsace*, which are left very bare of Troops, great Detachments having been sent from thence to *Italy*, and they are building several Redoubts along the *Rhine* for their Security. They continue to raise Soldiers in those Parts to reinforce the Garrisons of *Strasburgh*, *Landau*, and their other Frontier Towns. They write from *Baden*, that the *Swiss* Cantons, notwithstanding the earnest Instances of the *French* Minister there, do still refuse to own the Duke of *Anjou* to be King of *Spain*.

Cologne, Febr. 28. The Diet of the Circle of *Westphalia* are to meet here the 6th of the next Month, and among other Things which will be laid before them, an Association is to be proposed between this Circle and those of *Swabia*, *Franconia*, and the *Upper Rhine*, for their mutual Defence. 'Tis said, more *French* Forces are shortly expected on the *Lower Rhine* from the *Meuse* and the *Moselle*. The Forces of the Allies in our Neighbourhood are strengthened by the

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